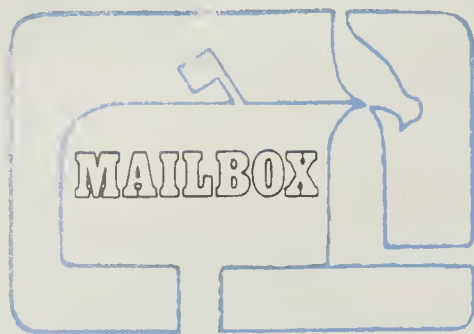


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I read the enclosed clipping in the *Taylorsville Times* and thought it deserved a mention in *Carolina Country* under a heading, "Hats Off To These Champions." Much is said about bad children, but what about the high achievers like the girls mentioned in this article.

Scott Rigby
Rt. 2, Hiddenite

Attached to Rigby's letter was a newspaper story about members of the East Junior High School Future Homemakers of America (FHA) winning six trophies in a regional FHA proficiency competition.

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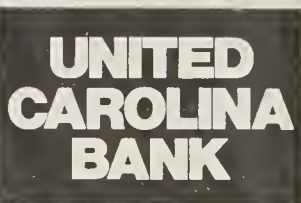
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Plan: "Neither Fair Nor Even-Handed"

An edited version of the following column by R. W. Blanchard Jr. appeared in *The News and Observer*, Raleigh, on May 29, 1986. Blanchard, a Sampson County farmer, is president of the board of Four County Electric Membership Corporation, Burgaw, and president of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Millions of North Carolinians would be affected in one way or another by the efforts of high ranking government officials to phase out the nation's financing program for rural electric cooperatives.

If these efforts are successful, more than 25 million Americans—including about one million Tar Heels—will almost certainly pay more for the electricity they buy from the nation's 1,000 electric co-ops.

That would add immeasurably to the financial burdens that are already weighing heavily on the shoulders of many farmers across the country—and the businesses and industries which serve them.

But, as our economy's "ripple effect" is triggered, higher power costs in rural America will ultimately lead to higher prices in urban America's most sophisticated shopping malls.

So the stakes involved here are significant—for the struggling farmer

who has known nothing but "REA" power for four decades and for the well-heeled Yuppie who has known "REA" only as part of a long-forgotten history lesson on FDR's New Deal.

These and all other Americans share a common interest in the economic consequences of the current administration's plan to dismantle the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). They should also unite in outrage over the tactics that government officials are using to sell that plan to Congress.

The officials recently released misleading and inaccurate studies that are intended to justify "pulling the plug" on the REA financing program.

Figures they quoted, supposedly show that this program's loans no longer benefit rural people because they cover service to resorts and high-density suburban residential developments.

Projects of this sort are now going into rural areas, where they are, in some cases, getting service from co-ops. Why is that the case? Because the co-ops and their member-owners were willing to put up power lines 40 years ago to serve a handful of families who were ignored by the existing power industry. And because these

co-ops have continued to offer good service as non-profit, member-owned operations providing electric power to all comers—without regard to densities.

For the most part, these co-ops still serve low-density territories, but REA's studies included only recent high-density projects for carefully-selected co-ops and presented the figures so they appear to apply to each co-op's total service area.

The government officials responsible for REA's misleading studies use them in arguing that the co-ops should get no more federal assistance because of their densities.

They conveniently fail to mention this: The investor-owned power companies and the municipal power systems receive far more federal assistance than do the co-ops (through extensive tax breaks for private companies and through grants and tax-exempt bonds for the municipal systems), but they serve far more heavily populated areas.

National averages are 31 consumers per mile of line for investor-owned power companies and 60 per mile for municipal systems.

The member-owners of the cooperatives have no quarrel with the

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Power Costs Going Up For VEPCO-Served EMCs

Six North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations would see their power costs go up by about \$1.5 million a year if a rate hike request from Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO) is approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

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The request, which would raise rates charged to the EMCs for bulk power by 6.2 percent overall, was divided into two phases.

The first phase, boosting rates by \$300,000 a year, became effective on May 27. The second, which

took effect two days later, raised rates by an additional \$1.2 million a year.

FERC allowed both phases of the rate hike to go into effect pending a final ruling by the federal agency.

If the FERC later rules that the proposed hike is too high, VEPCO will be required to refund the excess charges—plus interest to the co-ops involved.

VEPCO officials said the company needs the increased revenue to earn a 15 percent rate of return on equity. They said without the hike, the company would experience a revenue shortfall primarily because of the costs associated with starting commercial operation of six 350 MW units at the Bath County Pumped Storage Project.

North Carolina EMCs that are affected by the rate increase are: Albemarle EMC, Hertford; Cape Hatteras EMC; Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro; Roanoke EMC, Rich Square; Halifax EMC, Enfield and Tideland EMC, Pantego.

Plan: Neither Fair Nor Even-Handed

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mechanisms providing federal support for these companies and cities, whatever the densities of their service areas. But co-op consumers have reason to object when criticism is directed solely at the mechanism serving this function for the co-ops.

It's obvious that the studies played "fast and loose" with the facts simply to support the current administration's position that aid to electric co-ops is somehow not as acceptable as aid to other types of utilities.

Yet Congress and the American people have long accepted the principle that federal support is needed for all segments of the power industry to assure availability of vital electric

service. I think that's completely appropriate.

Should we decide to abandon that principle in order to achieve other pressing national goals, the required cutbacks ought to be made throughout the industry in a fair and even-handed fashion.

The administration's plan to arbitrarily end aid to a single segment of the industry is neither fair nor even-handed.

I know of no other government program that has meant so much to the people of this nation at so little cost. And I'm convinced that the benefits it has generated have more than offset its dollars-and-cents cost.

Meanwhile, the nation must not be bullied by a bunch of bureaucrats into a policy that ignores those benefits and unjustly discriminates against millions of rural Americans who are served by the electric cooperatives.

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Expo '86 Crafts Fair Set In Morehead City

"Expo '86," a crafts fair featuring the work of 75 craftsmen from Eastern North Carolina, is scheduled for July 5-6 at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City.

The annual event, now in its 16th year, is sponsored by the Neuse Area Development Association and the Agricultural Extension Service.

The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 5 and from 1 to 5 p.m. on July 6.

For additional information, write or call Ms. Glenda J. Gregory, Assistant Home Economics Extension Agent, P.O. Box 218, Trenton, NC 28585. Phone: (919) 448-9621.

Honor Society Taps Commodity Leaders

Three of North Carolina's agricultural commodity leaders have been initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society of agriculture.

John E. (Johnny) Johnson, Clint M. Reese and William A. (Bill) Wilder Jr. have been tapped into the N.C. State University chapter of the society as the 1986 alumni initiates.

Johnson was recognized for "his organizational ability and dedicated efforts" on behalf of the dairy industry. Prior to his retirement on Jan. 1, he served for 26 years as executive vice president of the N.C. Dairy Products Association, and for the past six years has served as executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Association of Dairy Manufacturers.

Reese was selected because of his dedication and service to the beef cattle industry. He is executive secretary of the N.C. Cattlemen's Association, a position he has held since 1973.

Reese has been instrumental in establishing county cattlemen's associations across the state,

obtaining funds for research and education and in developing beef cattle improvement programs.

Wilder was cited for being a "highly effective ambassador" for the N.C. Association of Nurserymen, which he serves as executive secretary.

State Employees Honored For Work On Child Safety

Ann Williams and Sue Dean, both employees of the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, have been honored by the N.C. Child Safety Association for contributions to child passenger safety in 1985.

The awards were presented at the annual N.C. Child Passenger Safety conference in Winston-Salem, which was co-sponsored by the Child Safety

Association and the Highway Safety Research Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Dean started the first child safety seat rental program for state employees and has raised money to promote car safety.

Mrs. Williams helped arrange for a child passenger safety booth at the N.C. State Fair and worked in the booth regularly even though a daughter was in the hospital. In packing and shipping the safety seats that were given away during the fair, she suffered a ruptured disc and was hospitalized herself. But, while confined to bed, she did the paperwork that eventually led to tax-exempt status for the safety association.

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Home Folks

Marian Wells of Brevard, a senior housing student in the East Carolina University School of Home Economics, has won a \$1,000 award in the National Home Fashions League competition **Charles Fulk** of Windsor, the assistant administrator of Bertie Memorial Hospital, has been named to receive the Exceptional Merit Award from the American Medical Technologists **Charles Coble**, dean of the ECU School of Education, has won the 1986 Outstanding Science Educator Award from the Association for the Education of Teachers in Science **Mrs. Evelyn Hill** of Hendersonville, a former member of the state board of agriculture, has been named the 1985 Friend of Agriculture by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Also honored by the department was Jay P. Davis Jr., retired director of food distribution for NCDA, who was named Employee of the Year **A. F. Sloan** of Charlotte, chairman and president of Lance Corporation, has been honored by the North Carolina Nature Conservancy for his support of the organization. He received its 1986 Chairman's Award. Also honored were **Edward E. Crutchfield Jr.**, chairman and chief executive officer of First Union Corporation, who received the 1986 Corporate Conservation Award; **David Jennette**, a consulting forester from Windsor, who received the Volunteer Award for work on the Conservancy's Roanoke River project and the late **Avery Holman**, former caretaker of the Bluff Mountain Preserve, who was recognized posthumously as a "Steward of North Carolina," a new honor that has been renamed the Avery Holman Stewardship Award **Fran Steele**, a speech pathologist at Wake County Rehabilitation Services, has been named North Carolina's Handicapped Professional Woman of the Year by Pilot Club International, Sears Roebuck and Co. and the President's Commission on Employment of the Handicapped. Ms. Steele, who is confined to a wheelchair, is a graduate of Marshall University.

Tyrrell County Festival Scheduled For July 18-19

A "Potato Dish Contest" will be one of the highlights of the 1986 Tyrrell County Potato Festival in Columbia July 18-19.

The contest will offer both youth and adult divisions.

Other events scheduled during the festival are a potato queen contest, children's games, a flea market, a museum corner, 4-H demonstrations and a dance on July 19 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

For more information, write to Frances S. Voliva, County Extension Chairman, P.O. Box 209, Columbia, NC 27925.

Outdoor Drama Opens 35th Season June 20

The outdoor drama "Horn in the West" opens its 35th season June 20 in Boone, with performances scheduled nightly except Monday through Aug. 16.

Tickets are \$8 for reserved seats and \$7 for general admission. Children 13 years and under are half price.

For reservations or additional information, write or call "Horn In the West," P.O. Box 295, Boone, NC 28607. Phone (704) 264-2120.

Family Wins National Volunteerism Award

A Durham family has received a national award for their volunteerism at The University of North Carolina Center for Public Television.

Mark, Kim and Shelley Nielsen, plus Kim's mother Marian Kimrey, were honored at the National Friends of Public Broadcasting, Inc., annual awards luncheon in Washington. The family was one of 12 national winners of the Elizabeth Campbell Outstanding Public Television Volunteer award; their nomination was unique because it recognized their contributions as a family.

During "Festival '86," the Center's annual fund-raising event, the Niensens contributed more than 200 hours of volunteer service. Mark, drama instructor at Chapel Hill High School, wrote a computer program that tabulated all numerical and dollar data by break. It kept a running total of dollars pledged and gave the Center totals by county.

Kim, a former Center staff member who is now on the staff at the National Humanities Center, served as on-air talent for numerous shifts.

When not on camera, she was taking or processing pledges.

Seven-year-old Shelley also appeared on-air, delivered messages, worked the postage meter and helped with cleanups; Marian volunteered as a phone operator and recruited senior citizens for several "Sesame Street" breaks.

The award bears the name of a Winston-Salem native who is director of development at a Washington public TV station and who was instrumental in establishing a national organization of public TV volunteers.

Vermont Royster Gets Presidential Medal

Vermont Royster of Chapel Hill, retired *Wall Street Journal* contributing editor and columnist, has received the nation's highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The award was one of seven presented by President Reagan during special ceremonies at the White House.

Royster, 71, was cited as a journalist, author and teacher who, over the past half-century, "illuminated the political and economic life of our times. His common sense exploded the pretensions of 'expert opinion' and his compelling eloquence warned of the evils of a society loosed from its moorings in faith."

The Pulitzer Prize-winning editor wrote his last weekly column for *The Journal* in March. He is a Kenan professor of journalism at UNC-CH.

Also receiving medals were Albert Sabin, developer of the oral polio vaccine; actress Helen Hayes; Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-AZ; Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, a former Army chief of staff; former West Point football coach Earl (Red) Blaik and publisher Walter H. Annenberg, former ambassador.

Safety Award Winners Named

The North Carolina Safety Council has presented seven awards to individuals and groups who carried out or provided leadership for safety programs.

The awards are given annually through the Council's Home and Community Safety Awards Program.

Award recipients included:

Derrick Lamont Steele, 9, of Roseboro, who helped teach classes on bicycle safety at summer camp; the Mt. Olive Educational Manufacturing Organization, a group of ninth graders at Mt. Olive Junior High School, for their shop and campus safety efforts; the Johnston County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, for sponsoring classes on self-defense for women; the VICA Safety Committee of Farmville Central High School, for safety and safety awareness in the areas of occupational, highway and fire safety.

Also, the Stanly County Young Farmers and Ranchers for the group's farm machine victim extrication program; two Cleveland County associations, the local chapter of the American Red Cross and the Seat Belt Incentive Program, for outstanding safety efforts in the schools.

Society Offers Anthology Of Work By Tar Heel Poets

The North Carolina Poetry Society is now offering an anthology of poetry by Tar Heel poets, *North Carolina's 400 Years: Signs Along the Way*.

The volume, edited by Ronald H.

Bayes of St. Andrews College, Laurinburg, includes 61 poems, including the work of Sam Ragan of Southern Pines, North Carolina poet laureate and National Book Award-winner A. R. Ammons, a native of Whiteville.

Copies of the book (\$12.95 hardbound, \$9.95 paperback) are available from Jean Earnhardt, Rt. 4, Box 247, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514. Add \$1 for postage and handling.

Oops!

- A story in the May issue of *Carolina Country* carried a misspelled version of the name of a public television miniseries "Roanoak." The story used the modernized version of the name: "Roanoke."

- Another story in the May issue erroneously reported that Elderhostel, a non-profit educational program for adults 60 and older, offers up to 21 weeks of study at various institutions across North Carolina. The program offers only 11 weeks of study.

Maritime Museum Exhibits Major Shell Collection

An exhibit of 5,000 shell specimens from more than 100 countries is being featured at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort through July.

The Brantley and Maxine Watson World Wide Shell Collection, which is being shown for the first time in its

entirety, was donated to the museum in 1982 by the Duke University Museum of Art.

Each shell in the collection is numbered and listed in a master catalog, which is available for use by serious collectors and researchers.

Ten Incumbents Get New EMC Board Terms

Ten incumbents have been re-elected to the Boards of Directors of three North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations during recent co-op Annual Meetings:

- **French Broad EMC**, Marshall—Re-elected were John O. Corbett of Marshall; W. G. Plemmons of Rt. 3, Leicester; James Ray of Burnsville and Bill Riddle of Burnsville.
- **Halifax EMC**, Enfield—Re-

elected were Marion R. Smith of Rt. 1, Oak City; A. C. Cox Jr. of Rt. 3, Enfield and Leon Williams of Rt. 3, Warrenton.

- **Harkers Island EMC**—Re-elected were James T. Gillikin, Milton Taylor and George Barton, all of Harkers Island.

Meanwhile, two other EMCs have appointed new directors to their boards to fill unexpired terms:

- **Cape Hatteras EMC**—Ellis A. Gray Jr. of Avon was named to the board, filling the unexpired term of Evan G. Williams, who resigned due to poor health.

- **Jones-Onslow EMC**, Jacksonville—Edward Cole Sr. of Rt. 2, Jacksonville, was appointed to the board, filling the unexpired term of the late H. G. (Buddy) Phillips of Jacksonville. Phillips died in February.

Cover: Wildflowers Along The New River

Our cover this month features wildflowers along the banks of the New River in Ashe County. They were photographed by Ron Phillips of Hudson, who is a consumer-member of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir.



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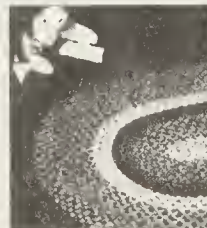
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A Smooth Transition

Soon after Southern States Cooperative took over the North Carolina operations of FCX, Inc., the co-op's newest division was accounting for about 20 percent of its six-state retail volume.

Just how well did the transition go when Southern States Cooperative, Richmond, took over the North Carolina operations of FCX, Inc. in February?

Very well, indeed, according to Southern States officials.

Within two weeks of the change-over, Southern States supplies were moving to Tar Heel farmers at the rate of \$1 million worth every three days and the rate continues to increase.

Excluding the business done through the co-op's large network of private dealers, the new North Carolina stores soon were accounting for 18-20 percent of Southern States' six-state retail volume.

Story reprinted from Cooperative Farmer, the monthly magazine of Southern States Cooperative. Photo by Warren Rowe, manager of publications for Southern States Cooperative.

Many products for the North Carolina stores and dealers were rolling out of the Richmond and Roanoke warehouses. The expanded fleet of Southern States 18-wheelers was making 25 or more weekly trips south

North Carolina livestock already are eating Southern States feeds at a rate approaching 4,000 tons per week.

Conversion of the three former FCX mills to use of Southern States formulas and processes was a major job accomplished with a minimum of problems. Some 150 SSC formulas are being manufactured in North Carolina, many of them in both bag and bulk form.

With the onrush of spring, farmer demand for agronomic products was felt quickly. To fill needs in the new North Carolina division, SSC seed buyers hustled to find several varieties of field seed not previously stocked. Fertilizer movement has been brisk

and patrons are discovering the technical help available in the GrowMaster crop production program.

Initially at least, LP gas sales have been the brightest spot in Southern States' Tar Heel petroleum operations. And for all petroleum patrons, one welcome change has been the ability to charge purchases on a Southern States account or to one of the charge cards.

Extraordinary steps were taken to make the transition at stores, mills and plants as smooth as possible.

"A lot of people put in a great deal of time and effort to make sure everything was in place for the changeover from FCX to SSC," says William Smith, director of retail operations for Southern States. The abilities and can-do attitudes of the new North Carolina employees drew widespread praise.

One SSC member of the transition team commented, "I've never worked



The former FCX store in Smithfield is one of the newest facilities acquired by Southern States Cooperative, Inc., when the Richmond-based co-op purchased most of the FCX operations in North Carolina in February. The Smithfield facility features a fertilizer blend plant and a pump island for patron use.

so hard and enjoyed it so much."

For example, the weekend before the stores opened under the new co-op ownership, 58 veteran SSC store managers went to North Carolina to help in the transition process. Each was assigned a former FCX store and spent the weekend helping count inventory. The managers then assisted their North Carolina counterparts during the first days of operation under SSC.

Another SSC team, moving fast and working late, pulled off the feat of getting new cash registers installed in each of the 58 North Carolina stores. Each register had to be linked via phone line to the central computer at SSC headquarters in Richmond.

Extensive advance work by still another team, this one of regional credit managers, had basic credit lines established for all former FCX patrons when the farm supply stores opened under SSC on Feb. 17. New credit applications were on the counters.

The Southern States Feed Division started training North Carolina mill personnel in advance of the change-over because of the many new formulas and procedures involved. The timetable was tight, but the spirit and cooperation of the former FCX employees helped hold problems to a minimum.

Key office people from the three North Carolina mills visited SSC facilities to study equipment and operations. During the transition, three SSC mill managers and office staff spent almost two weeks at the Tar Heel mills to guide the employees there.

"Our No. 1 objective ... in North Carolina ... is to serve farmers and others there on an effective, efficient basis," said Gene A. James, president and CEO of Southern States, in announcing the purchase of the former FCX assets. Reaching for that goal will keep the spotlight on the retail store operations.

Tar Heel co-op patrons are finding familiar faces behind the counters. Dressed now in new Southern States uniforms, former FCX employees are, in most cases, providing the service at retail.

"We've always tried to help our customers any way we could," said

Carl Cansler, manager of SSC Service in Newton. "We've been working hard getting ready for the spring season."

"We're very proud of all the work we have done to make the transition work," said Nancy Berry, bookkeeper at SSC Service in Boone.

"It's been a trying time ... now we just want to get back to business," said Bill Dobbins, farm supply sales and technical representative in the North Carolina division.

All the retail stores operating at the time of the February transaction with FCX were kept open by Southern States and three previously closed stores were reopened.

Wherever bulk feed and fertilizer blending services are offered, they have been put back under the management of the retail store. That step back toward "one-stop service," long a basic aim of Southern States, seems to have been welcomed by both patrons and store managers.

Also welcomed by both farmers and store staffs has been the credit policy now being followed.

"The people have been very receptive to the transition," said Billy Summers, assistant manager at SSC Service in Mooresville. "I think they will be very pleased with the expanded line of products we will be able to offer now.

"We are making a great effort to make sure the salesrooms are properly stocked," says Tom Tuggle, manager of farm supply merchandising for Southern States. "We want to carry the supplies that are needed by North Carolina farmers. We realize those needs will vary across the state, just as they do in the rest of our territory, but we plan to expand lines and meet those needs."

Jim Thompson, now a crop sales and technical representative for the N.C. division, put things in this perspective:

"I expected those similarities (between Southern States and FCX) to help us in the transition. It's going even better than I thought it might.

"The ag industry and the farmers I have talked to are glad to have Southern States in the area. There would have been a void. We are very appreciative of another cooperative coming in."



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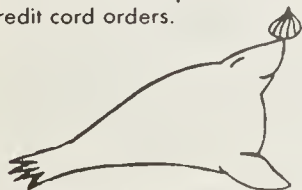
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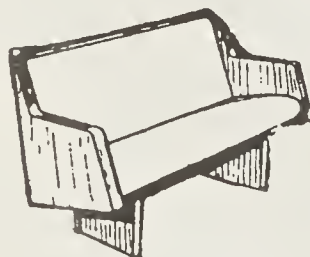
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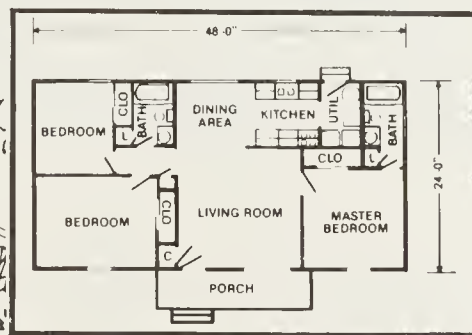
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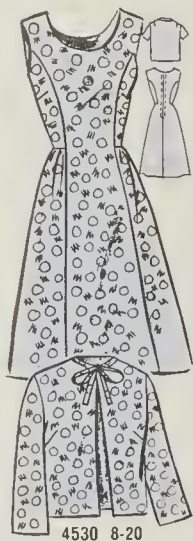
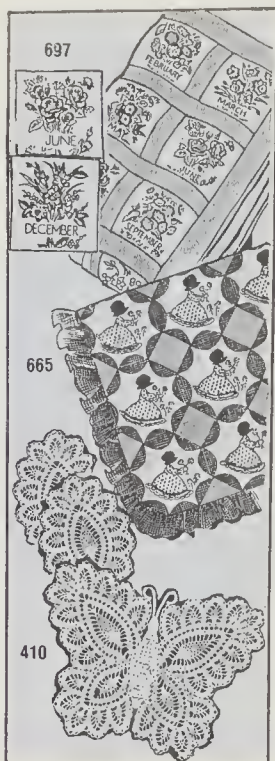
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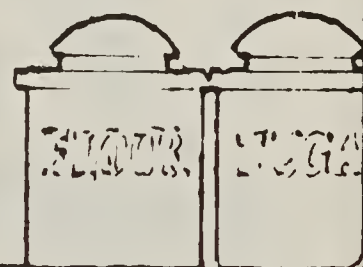
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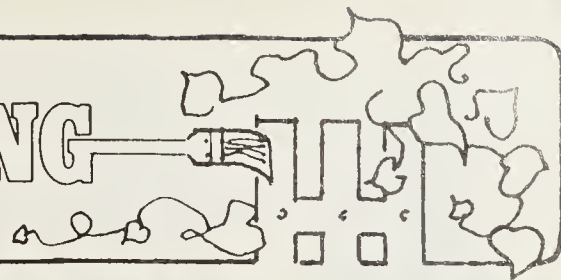
Chocolate Covered Carolina Crunch

Submitted by Nancy Riddle of Morganton

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| 4 cups quick cooking oatmeal | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 1 cup light brown sugar | 6 oz. package semi-sweet chocolate chips |
| 1/4 cup corn syrup | 6 oz. package butterscotch chips |
| 2/3 cup margarine | 2/3 cup crunchy peanut butter |
| 1/4 cup crunchy peanut butter | paraffin wax (small piece) |

Combine first six ingredients together and press into a 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes. Melt chocolate chips, crunchy peanut butter, butterscotch chips and paraffin wax together in a sauce pan. Pour mixture over crust and allow to cool. Cut into squares.

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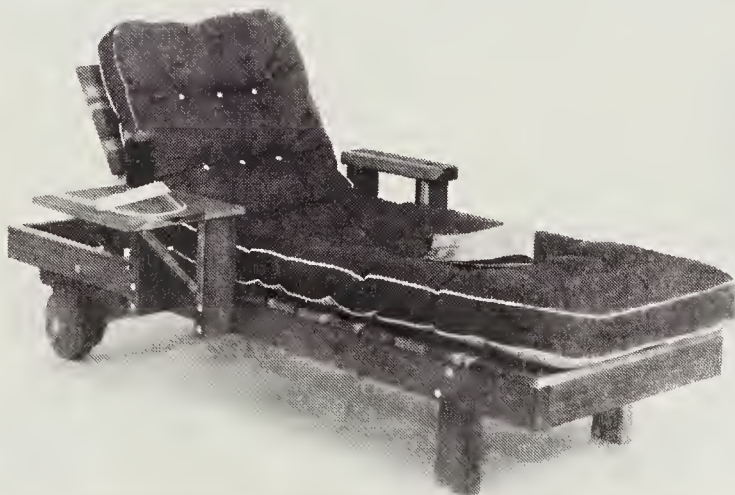
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WASHINGTON SCENE

Members of Congress Prepared To Adopt A Tax Reform Bill

Members of Congress, their eyes fixed firmly on the November elections, will be wrestling this summer with plans to simplify the federal tax structure and the necessity of cutting the national government's budget.

The White House is looking at the same election, with hopes of retaining control of the Senate, but is clashing with Congress on the budget-cutting.

On simplifying the tax code, however, there is general agreement that a plan to lower most people's April bills from the U.S. Treasury will become law before Congress leaves Washington in late summer. President Reagan has given it his blessing and a majority in both Houses seem to favor it.

Plans from the Senate Finance Committee and the House vary slightly, but both lower individual income taxes by some \$100 billion and raise taxes on corporations by about the same amount.

And although they cut out a lot of deductions now available to individuals, the net result will be to reduce the amount the taxpayer will have to shell out.

Many of the provisions in the tax proposals are expected to stir extensive debate. In fact, Washington observers believe the stage is already

set for a heated battle over Individual Retirement Accounts.

The Senate bill disallows deductions for these, if the person is working under a pension plan at his place of employment; the House plan allows a deduction up to \$2,000 but it must be reduced by the contribution to his or her pension.

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It may seem strange to recall that until recently IRAs were being hailed as the greatest discovery since the wheel—and now the government wants to effectively kill them. That's the way Washington often works.

Some deductions will be retained, notably the interest paid on home mortgage payments, charitable donations and state income taxes. However, deducting for medical expenses, and for two-earner families would either be cut or curtailed.

The standard deductions for individuals would rise sharply and personal exemptions would rise to \$2,000 for people who don't itemize.

Even though fewer deductions would be allowed, the proposals call for the taxpayer to get a break through a reduction in rates, under both the House and Senate proposals.

To replace the 14 tax brackets now in effect, ranging from 11 percent to 50 percent, the House calls for four brackets—from 15 to 38 percent—and the Senate only two—15 and 27 percent.

The latter plan, with its higher exemptions, would take six million low income Americans off the tax paying list entirely.

The wealthy will get no break, even though their top rate will be 27 percent, because most tax shelters will be removed and those paying little or no tax because of loopholes will be taxed under both plans.

All of this revolutionary tax talk in Washington isn't making everybody happy, as might be expected. When the unanimous vote in the Senate Finance Committee was announced, lobbyists outside the room hissed loudly.

The banks, brokerage houses and thrift institutions, which have been battling each other as a place to put IRAs, weren't pleased at all.

Restaurants would likely suffer as deductions for business lunches are slated to go by the board.

The tax bills have farther to go before they emerge as law and there will be fights on the floor of the Senate and behind the scenes by lobbyists. But so far, members of Congress seem to feel that tax reform can be good politics and that the people can be sold on its benefits before the November election.

They have a product to sell if they can market it.

Put simply, here's the political merchandise: A worker with a home-maker spouse and two children, who

doesn't itemize and doesn't have an IRA, makes \$20,000 a year. His taxes would be cut about \$700 under the Senate plan because his family's personal deductions would rise from \$4,000 to \$8,000.

What could be more appealing to rank and file voters in this election year?

As for President Reagan, he's all smiles about this and has publicly advised Congress to "Go for it."

He no doubt believes this fits in with his economic theory of lowering taxes to spur spending and he sees Americans using their tax cut dollars to buy more radios, TVs and refrigerators, causing a real boom across the country.

Whether this rosy scene can become a reality will have to wait on events, but most people on Capitol Hill think that tax reform of some sort will become law this year.

While sweetness and light may characterize the relationship between Congress and the White House on tax overhaul, that's certainly not true with regard to the federal budget for 1987.

Congress must approve a budget with no more than a \$144 billion deficit, or see the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law take effect to make sharp across-the-board cuts in every department of government.

No one, it appears, really wants those mindless cuts to be made, since highly desirable programs would suffer along with those in need of trimming.

President Reagan earlier sent Congress a budget that failed to meet the Gramm-Rudman standard and it was quickly turned down by both Houses.

The proposal included \$320 billion for the Defense Department, a substantial increase.

The Senate, where Republicans and Democrats produced a bipartisan budget, cut the amount for Defense to \$301 billion.

Then the Democratic House passed a budget, cutting funds for the Pentagon to \$285 billion and even House Republicans supported a budget of \$293 billion. The Democrats prevailed, so now a conference between the two Houses will try to come up

with a compromise somewhere between \$285 and \$301 billion.

House Republicans said they would have liked to vote more money for the armed services but that the attitude of Casper Weinberger had made it impossible. They said Weinberger's insistence on the \$320 billion—with no compromises—had hurt his credibility on Capitol Hill.

"He hasn't been helpful to those of us who would like to increase (funds for) defense," said Rep. Connie Mack (R-FL).

The White House has been issuing denunciations of any cuts in Defense spending and Reagan has promised to veto any budget that fails to meet his standard for what's required to protect the national security.

Most observers say that the battle over Defense spending is only a symptom of the differences between the administration and Congress.

They point out that the budget submitted to Congress called for the complete elimination of 44 government programs and the agencies that administer them. In the budgets passed in the separate chambers, none of them was cut. A few, those aiding the most needy, were actually voted increased funds in the House budget.

There were other issues that showed the widening differences between the President and Congress.

Reagan proposed selling Saudi

Arabia over \$300 million worth of sophisticated weapons, including hand-held anti-aircraft missiles. Congress, fearing some of them might fall into the hands of terrorists, said no.

Reagan wanted to send \$100 million to aid rebels fighting the pro-Marxist government in Nicaragua. The House said no, but will vote again later this year.

And, for the first time, a Senate committee with a Republican majority refused to endorse a Reagan nominee for a federal judgeship.


Meanwhile, many Republican senators facing an election this fall are campaigning against some Reagan policies, but not against Reagan.

Sen. Mark Andrews (R-ND) flatly opposes the administration's proposal to phase out the Rural Electrification Administration by 1990 and cut it sharply until then.

Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA) is critical of Defense spending.

Other Republicans are attacking farm policies.

"It's a strange situation," said one veteran Senate staff member. "Here you've got the most popular president anyone can remember around here with about seven out of ten people saying they like the way he is running things and you've got Democrats and Republicans out campaigning against—not him—but the things he stands for."



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Music Festival Schedules Golden Anniversary Season

Internationally-acclaimed guest artists and special staged musical productions will be featured during this year's Golden Anniversary season at Brevard Music Center.

The seven-week music festival, which opens June 28, will present the noted pianist/humorist Victor Borge in a 3 p.m. concert on July 27.

Other top artists who will perform during the season include Metropolitan Opera stars Renata Scotto, Gianna Rolandi and Samuel Ramey, who won acclaim for his singing in the film "Amadeus."

Soprano Sarah Reese, who is a Pendleton, SC, native, will return from a singing tour of Europe to appear in Verdi's "Aida" at 8:15 p.m. on Aug. 1.

Atlanta Symphony Director Robert Shaw will conduct Beethoven's Ninth Symphony on Aug. 8. Pianist John Browning, who visited the Music Center several times early in his illustrious career, will perform with the orchestra, as will Marilyn Neeley.

In addition to other special guests and anniversary events, Brevard's schedule includes six fully staged presentations by the Opera Workshop.

A double bill kicks off the season on June 28 with "Dido and Aeneas" and "Down in the Valley." Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" is slated for July 4. Also scheduled are "Lucia di Lammermoor," July 11; "Music Man," July 25; "Aida," Aug. 1 and "The Fantasticks," Aug. 9.

Choral programs will include Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Vaughan Williams' Donna Nobis Pacem and Mozart's Coronation Mass. The popular BMC Pops concerts will feature "Rodgers and Hammerstein Night" and "Lerner and Loewe Night." More pops programming is to be announced.

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HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

June is a busy month for the gardener. Vegetables planted in April and May are well established and it will not be long before the first harvest. Flowering bedding plants set out earlier should be showing masses of color.

Keep on the alert for insect damage. Watch for aphids, Japanese beetles, whiteflies and many other pests of vegetable and ornamental plants. If needed, spray to prevent serious plant damage.

Take advantage of the cooler temperatures in early mornings and late afternoons for spraying, fertilizing and watering.

Remove Flower Seed

As you make the rounds of your garden, clip away faded flowers. This includes crepe myrtle, azalea and rhododendron. After blooms are

removed, the plants divert the growth energy into developing more flower buds for next season's bloom.

Check Azaleas

If you find dying or dead branches among your azaleas, check for split bark. Mild periods of last winter, interrupted by sudden hard freezes, caused extensive damage in some areas. Cut back affected branches to sound wood.

Peaches Improved By Thinning

If you're among the lucky gardeners who had peach blooms that escaped late freezes, proper thinning now should greatly increase the size of remaining fruit. Thinning also will improve the quality.

If your trees are overloaded with fruit, thin by handpicking and spacing

fruit four to six inches apart. Remove any deformed fruit first, then the smaller ones. Thinning could prevent limbs from breaking from the sheer weight of the developing fruit and thus aid in controlling insect and disease problems.

Peach trees often produce more fruit than the trees can support. A limited amount of self-pruning by dropping of immature fruit is normal. Additional pruning, immediate following the normal drop and before seeds begin to harden, usually necessary.

Plant Dahlias



June's a good month for planting dahlias for fall blooms. Many of the prize winners in the fall flower shows are from tubers planted in June. When you plant, drive a stake nearby. This prevents the chance of damaging the tuber or roots if the plants are staked later on. As plants grow, use soft twine to support them to the stakes.

Prune Evergreens

Our finest evergreens can become unsightly unless they are pruned every year. About half of the new growth should be removed before mid-July. However, the central tip of an evergreen should not be removed unless the tree has reached the height which it is to remain. Old evergreens grown into trees should not be pruned at all.

Pines, firs and spruces have a form of growth that is like the letter "Y" with a central prong. About half of this year's growth of the prong should be removed. Taxus or yew, arborvitae, hemlock and most of the junipers may be pruned with a sharp knife or hedge shears. Boxwood should be pruned with a sharp pocket knife.



NOW IS THE TIME TO:



- Cut about 1½ inches from the growth tips of chrysanthemum plants when plants are about six inches tall. They'll branch and bloom more profusely.
- Feed nandinas with a complete fertilizer so their bright berries will last through the winter.
- Mulch azaleas, gardenias and camellias with three to six inches of leafmold or peat. It is well to mix pine straw with this mulch.
- Start cuttings of geraniums and leaf-cuttings of succulents. These can be potted and used as house plants through the winter.
- Stake and tie brittle new clematis stalks. These are easily broken in the wind.
- Encircle lilacs with a complete plant food. Scratch it in; water thoroughly.
- Keep all faded blooms cut from annuals. This enables plants to produce more blooms for a longer period.
- Transplant seedlings of annuals such as marigolds and zinnias if stands are too thick. Give all annual plants plenty of space to develop by thinning and transplanting them. Water and shade plants immediately after moving.

while holding each young shoot over the index finger.

Watering Camellias and Azaleas

Continue to water camellias and azaleas during the summer months. Apply water slowly with a soaker hose as frequently as needed. And keep in mind that whenever camellia buds drop during winter, the cause often can be blamed on lack of water the previous summer. Make note on your gardening calendar to water them well in the fall and early winter. Camellias and azaleas, as well as other shrubs, fare better if they do not go into winter "thirsty."

Tropicals

June is a good time to plant tropical ornamentals in your garden. Besides adding interest, these plants will contribute much beautiful color until frost. The choice of plants is varied with showy Chinese hibiscus and brightly-colored croton among them.

Vegetables

There's still time to plant seeds of beans, field peas, pumpkins, squash, corn, cantaloupe and watermelon.

Continue to set out started plants of tomatoes, peppers, eggplants and sweet potatoes.

Spring-flowering Bulbs

As the foliage on spring-flowering bulbs turns yellow and begins to dry, it should be removed. Be careful not to disturb the bulbs when removing foliage.

To fill in vacant spaces previously occupied by the bulb foliage, set out bedding plants.

Rooting Cuttings of Favorites

Now's a good time to root cuttings of azaleas, camellias, hollies, (particularly the cornuta and burford types) and many other broadleaf evergreen shrubs.

Take cuttings from healthy new growth that has begun to harden or mature. Cuttings should be three to six inches long with leaves removed from the lower part (1/4 to 1/3) of the stem. Keep cuttings moist until they can be placed in a rooting media

of 1/3 sand, 1/3 garden loam, 1/3 peat moss or compost. Treating the base of cuttings with a root-inducing hormone often helps stimulate a quicker and stronger root growth.

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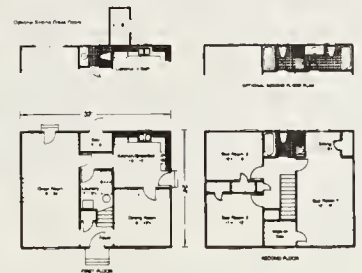
"Gold Acre" dies back in the fall of the year, practically disappearing during the winter. But, it returns early in the spring.

—Hank Smith

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Just Mellow Up And Chill Down

Do you ever wonder if you've been listening to a foreign language after overhearing a conversation between a couple of teens?

It might go something like this:
"S'up?"

"Oh, man, I'm stoked! Just saw the Whitney Houston video of 'The Greatest Love of All' and she was so crush'n and bump'n I couldn't believe it!"

"Yeah, chief. I know. I watched it at the crib last night and even my rents got siked about it. I thought they'd never mellow up and chill down."

Here's the English translation:
"What's up?"

"Oh, man, I'm excited! Just saw the Whitney Houston video of 'The Greatest Love of All' and she sounded so good and looked so good I couldn't believe it."

"Yeah, man, I know. I watched it at home last night and even my parents got psyched up about it. I thought they'd never calm down and take it easy."

This example of teen slang is based on terms that were listed by a National Education Association publication.

Here are some of the most common expressions and what they mean:

Bump'n-Sounds good, referring to music.

Crush'n-Looks good, referring to clothes.

Hit'n-Tastes good.

Chill Out-Be cool, take it easy.

Mellow Up-Calm down.

Stoked or Siked-Really excited or "psyched".

S'up-A greeting meaning "what's up?"

Crib-Home.

Rents-Parents.

Squid, Dork, Geek, Narc, Juice Box-Someone who's out of it.

Chief-A term of address.

Neat Whistle-A person wearing weird clothes.

Bobos-Cheapie running shoes.

Bail-To cut class or a putdown meaning to forget or ignore something, as in "bail that."

Book'n-Going very fast.

Flake-Fail to keep an appointment.

Kick back-Relax.

Gnarly-Gross, raunchy, disgusting, but may also mean good in some uses.

Bust-An insult, as in "bust you out."

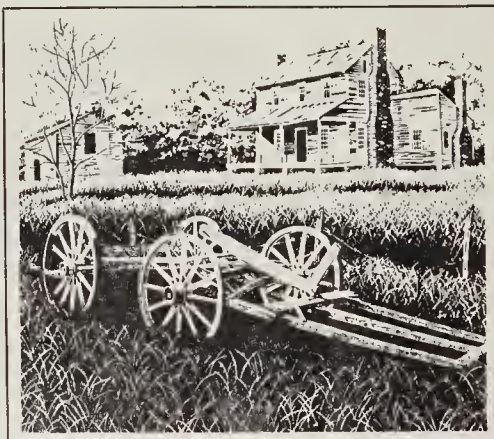
Kill-Really good, as in "that's so kill."

Tamale Time-Time to be embarrassed.

Whoa, Nellie!

Below is a small reproduction of the unusual wagon that was featured in the Larry Burge painting, "Carolina Afternoon," which was on the *Carolina Country* cover in March.

It raised an interesting question that has us stumped.



Pauline M. Pope of Rt. 3, Wadesboro, wrote to pass the question along from her father-in-law, Horace Pope of Rt. 1, Wadesboro:

"My father-in-law is now 79 years old and he has farmed all his life. He thought he had seen every farm wagon there is. However, the one on your March cover has him puzzled. He has never seen a wagon like that before. He wonders how you would hook up a team of mules to this wagon?"

We posed the question to Burge and he couldn't provide an answer. But, he assured us that the wagon's design wasn't a work of his creative impulses. He'd seen one like it and snapped some photos of it.

"Not being a farmer myself," he said, "I have no idea why this particular wagon is made like it is, and at the time I took the pictures there was no one around to ask about it. I liked the wagon for purely artistic reasons and thought it was perfect for the painting."

If you have an answer for Mr. Pope please send it to me and I will use it in a future column.

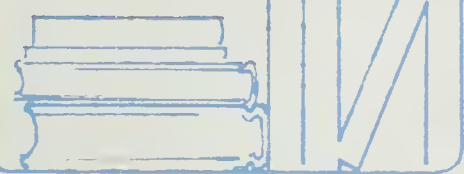
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- Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-GA), a veteran of the televised sessions of the House of Representatives, offered this advice to his Senate colleagues as they prepared to face TV cameras in that house: "You ought to know what you're talking about. That's not a requirement, but it's useful."

—Owen Bishop

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